In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (new) A method of displaying a previous state of data in an application program, the method comprising:

storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of data objects created by an application program over time;

indexing each version of the data store according to a date; and

displaying, in the application program, a view of an indication of a data object contained in a first version of the data store whose date corresponds to a user specified date;

wherein the view of the indication in the application program is substantially similar to the view of the indication in the application program at the date of the first version of the data store; and

wherein the indication provides allows a user to retrieve at least a portion of the data object.

13. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of data objects comprises storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of electronic mail messages.

14. (new) The method of claim 12, wherein storing one or more versions of a data store comprises storing different versions of the data store on different subsets of a storage media to provide a separate location for each version during the time that it is stored.

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15. (new) The method of claim 14, comprising migrating a version of the data store from a first subset of a storage media to a second subset of a storage media according to a storage criteria selected from one or more of the group consisting of a duration of time the version of the data store has been stored, a type of data contained in the version of the data store, and the identity of a user associated with the data store.

16. (new) A system for displaying a previous state of data in an application program, the system comprising:

a processor;

an application program;

one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of data objects created by the application program over time; and

a plurality of storage media storing the one or more versions of the data store and communicatively coupled to the processor, the plurality of storage media having data stored in at least one of the plurality of storage media;

wherein the processor is programmed to index each version of the data store according to a date; and display, in the application program, a view of an indication of a data object from a first version of the data store whose date corresponds to a user specified date;

wherein the view of the indication in the application program is substantially similar to the view of the indication in the application program at the date of the first version of the data store; and

wherein the indication allows a user to retrieve at least a portion of the data object.

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17. (new) The system of claim 16, wherein the plurality of data objects comprise a plurality of electronic mail messages.

18. (new) The system of claim 16, wherein the one or more versions of a data store are stored on different subsets of a storage media to provide a separate location for each version during the time that it is stored.

19. (new) The system of claim 18, wherein the processor is programmed to migrate a version of the data store from a first subset of a storage media to a second subset of a storage media according to a storage criteria selected from one or more of the group consisting of a duration of time the version of the data store has been stored, a type of data contained in the version of the data store, and the identity of a user associated with the data store.

20. (new) The system of claim 16, comprising:

a plurality of computing devices communicatively coupled to the processor and the plurality of storage media;

a retrieval module for retrieving indications of data objects from the plurality of storage media;

a storage and backup map that maps to the plurality of computing devices; and

a data index stored on at least one of said plurality of computing devices that indicates to the retrieval module a particular location of the indication of the data object that is to be retrieved by the retrieval module.

21. (new) A computer usable medium or media storing program code which, when executed on a computerized device, causes the computerized device to execute a method of displaying a previous state of data in an application program, the method comprising:

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storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of data objects created by an application program over time;

indexing each version of the data store according to a date; and

displaying, in the application program, a view of an indication of a data object from a first version of the data store whose date corresponds to a user specified date;

wherein the view of the indication in the application program is substantially similar to the view of the indication in the application program at the date of the first version of the data store; and

wherein the indication allows a user to retrieve at least a portion of the data object.

22. (new) The computer usable medium or media of claim 21, wherein storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of data objects comprises storing one or more versions of a data store containing a plurality of electronic mail messages.

23. (new) The computer usable medium or media of claim 21, wherein storing one or more versions of a data store comprises storing different versions of the data store on different subsets of a storage media to provide a separate location for each version during the time that it is stored.

24. (new) The computer usable medium or media of claim 23, comprising migrating a version of the data store from a first subset of a storage media to a second subset of a storage media according to a storage criteria selected from one or more of the group consisting of a duration of time the version of the data store has been stored, a type of data contained in the version of the data store, and the identity of a user associated with the data store.

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